

Amistad Academy
Joint High School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 4:00 pm
AF Amistad High School 580 Dixwell Ave, New Haven

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Jane Levin. The following board members, not constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan, Amistad Board - No	Simon Obas, Amistad High School Principal - Yes
Jane Levin, Amistad Board - Yes	
Albert Maldonado, Amistad Board - No	Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes	Sarah Claybaugh, AF Network Support - Yes
Laura Saverin, ECCP Board - Yes	Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes
Genevive Walker, ECCP Board - Yes	
Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes	
Jim Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes	
Michael Strambler - AFBA Board - Yes	

Public: Julie Hajducky, Chris Peak, Laura Davidson, Peter Butler

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Principal Report

Mr. Simon Obas gave the principal report for Amistad High School reviewing college applications, adult culture, and classroom instruction.

Sixteen students were accepted to college through early decision/action, including three students accepted into Yale University. In March, the class of 2020 will take the SAT for the second time, the first was in December. Mr. Obas discussed the need for an additional college counselor next as the student population grows with each incoming class.

Mr. Obas described his focus on classroom instruction as a priority for the coming school year and the desire for there to be deep level conceptual thinking in the classroom.

IV. Financial Report

Laura Saverin gave the financial report. The Amistad High School Director of School Operations attended the finance call last week, sharing confidence that the budget for the coming year will be realistic and based strongly upon expected enrollment.

V. Board Business

The board did not have a quorum and did not conduct any board business.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 13, 2019.

Motion by
Seconded by
All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by
Seconded by
All in favor

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm by Jane Levin.

Motion by Richard Ferguson
Seconded by Genevieve Walker
All in favor